

Minutes: Leesburg Planning Commission March 7, 2002

The Leesburg Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff members present for the meeting were Lee Phillips, Randy Hodgson, Nancy Kitchens, Nick Colonna, John Johnston, Charlie Mumaw and Jennifer Moore.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Cliff Vaughan
Vice-Chairman Cable
Commissioner Minchew
Commissioner Werner
Commissioner Zawacki
Commissioner Kennedy
Councilmember Umstattd
Commissioner Schonberger

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes for February 7th and February 21st, 2002 as submitted.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Cable
Carried: 7-0

REMARKS BY PETITIONERS

Mr. Phillip Walker of 5009 Fort Sumner Drive, Bethesda, MD., came forward to speak. Mr. Walker stated that he is the owner and pilot of an aircraft based at the Leesburg Airport. He stated his concerns for the proposed Stratford Development.

Mr. Walker discussed the height of the proposed building in relationship to the runway and the planes coming in and taking off.

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Commissioner Kennedy asked that should Mr. Caulkins, Chairman of the Airport Commission come in to speak, he would like to give Mr. Caulkins the opportunity that opportunity.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARING, SE 2001-10, LOT 4, CARDINAL INDUSTRIAL PARK – Nancy Kitchens, Senior Planner

Ms. Kitchens gave an update and overview of this application.

Ms. Linda Unkefer, representative for the applicant came forward to answer any questions that the Commissioner may have for her.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing; no one came forward to speak so the public hearing was closed.

The Commission asked if Ms. Kitchens could come back to the Commission with some type of information about the amount of noise and the type of odor that this use would create in the area.

PUBLIC HEARING, SE 2001-09, LOT 11, CARDINAL INDUSTRIAL PARK – Nancy Kitchens, Senior Planner

Ms. Kitchens gave an update and overview of this application.

Ms. Linda Unkerfer, representative for the applicant came forward to answer any questions that the Commission may have for her.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing; no one came forward to speak so the public hearing was closed.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

POTOMAC STATION APARTMENT POOL & BATHHOUSE PRELIMINAR/FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – John Johnston, Senior Planner

Mr. Johnston made a brief presentation to the Planning Commission regarding this application.

Mr. Raphael Muniz, representative for the applicant came forward to speak. Mr. Muniz answered questions from the Planning Commission.

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Commissioner Schonberger made a motion to approve the application as submitted by staff.

Motion: Schonberger

Second: Minchew

Carried: 7-0

McKINLEY BUILDING – FIRST SUBMISSION BRIEFING – Nick Colonna, Senior Planner

Mr. Colonna gave a brief overview of this submission and answered questions from the Commission.

Mr. Tim McKinley, owner/developer came forward to speak. Mr. McKinley responded to several questions by the Commission.

ZONING:

None

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING:

ZM 2001-05, STRATFORD PROFFER AMENDMENT – Nancy Kitchens, Senior Planner

Commissioner Minchew recused herself from this application.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that Mr. Caulkins was here to speak about this application.

Mr. Stanley Caulkins, Chairman of the Airport Commission came forward to speak about this application. He stated that the Commission had some concerns regarding this application. He stated that he would like to see some noise abatement measures in place and he would like to have the residences notified that they are on the center point of an active airport runway.

Mr. Doug McNeely, Director of Leesburg Airport, came forward to answer questions by the Commission.

Mr. Bill Keefe, representative for the applicant came forward to discuss the application with the Commission.

Councilmember Umstattd and Commissioner's Schonberger and Minchew all left early.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

None

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Werner asked if the Commission would like to see slides of the TCC's tour of round-abouts in Arlington and the Commission decided that they would like that item placed on a light agenda.

The Commission and staff discussed the Citizen's Academy and decided that they would hold off until staff is at full force.

Mr. Phillips gave a brief update on the new Planning Director.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kennedy read two emails to the Commission the first was an email to the Town Attorney asking if it was acceptable for Tire's Plus to pull their application from public hearing after it had already been advertised. The second email was the response from the Town Attorney stating that the applicant does not have the right to postpone a public hearing without the consent of the public body scheduled to conduct the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Moore, Commission Clerk

Cliff Vaughan, Chairman